



# Clondalkin Village Parish

*Immaculate Conception & St. Killian Church*

**Clonburris**  **Knockmitten**

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 23rd September 2018



## Today is Diocesan Safeguarding Day

The Archdiocese of Dublin values and encourages the participation of children and young people in parish liturgies and diocesan activities. Safeguarding is about creating an environment that facilitates such involvement so that children can grow strong in their faith as they experience the love of Jesus in his Church. Everyone who ministers in the parish is a representative of the Church and must observe safeguarding practices and guidelines. Good safeguarding practice is integral to ministry – *it is not an optional extra.*



Local safeguarding representatives will address parishes throughout the Archdiocese this weekend. They are women and men who work with the Parish Pastoral Council to ensure that diocesan safeguarding policies and practices are followed in parishes. Safeguarding is all the things we do to ensure that children and vulnerable adults are protected from harm. Parish safeguarding representatives are trained for this role and access advice and support from the Diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection Service.

We know from sad and bitter experience that the Church in Dublin has not always been a safe place for children. Archbishop Martin is deeply grateful to all the priests, parish sisters, deacons, parish pastoral workers, staff and volunteers who have worked with great dedication in order to change this and to make our parishes and diocesan agencies safer places for children and vulnerable adults. 2018 saw the introduction of the updated Diocesan Safeguarding Statement. This document clearly outlines the policies and procedures that all parishes must have in place to safeguard children.

In order to keep all children and vulnerable adults safe, the following measures are in place in all parishes in this Diocese:

- *Adopting a child-centred approach, valuing children and demonstrating our respect for them.*
- *Obtaining the consent of parents for the involvement of their children in parish activities.*
- *Choosing carefully those who work with children and vulnerable adults in our parishes.*
- *Ensuring parish workers and volunteers behave appropriately towards children and vulnerable adults.*
- *Making proper arrangements for activities involving children, including ensuring adequate adult supervision of such activities.*
- *Keeping good records of parish activities involving children.*

The Diocesan Child Safeguarding and Protection Office works with civil authorities including the Gardaí, Tusla and the HSE. As a parish we shall be fully implementing the Diocesan Safeguarding Statement. Every person who exercises a ministry or role in the Parish needs to be Garda vetted and vetting is renewed every three years. I shall return to this in the coming weeks. **Fr. Damian**

## Masses

### Clondalkin Village

**Sundays:** (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm  
Sunday 9am Gaeilge)  
10.30am (Choral),  
12 noon (Family) &  
5.30pm

**Weekdays** (Mon – Fri) 7.30am  
and 10am. Sat 10am

**First Fridays** 7.30am, 10am.

**Holy Days** 6.30pm

(Vigil), 7.30am  
and 10.00am

**Confessions** Sat 10.30 - 11am &  
6.45 - 7.15pm

### Clonburris

**Sundays** (Vigil) Sat 6.30 pm

**Sunday** 11am

**Holy Days** 11am and 6.30pm

### Knockmitten

**Sundays** (Vigil) Sat 6.30pm

**Sunday:** 10.00am & 12noon

(Family)

**Weekdays** Mon to Fri 9.30am

**Holy Days** (Vigil) 6.30pm;

**Holy Day** 11am

**Confessions** Sat 6pm & by request

## Parish Office Hours

**Clondalkin:** Mon-Fri 9:30 - 12:30

**Clonburris:** Contact through Village

**Knockmitten:** Mon-Fri Mass times

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## CHURCH DUTY

Altar Linen: Angela Minihan  
Church Cleaners: Veronica Bayly, Bernardine Wynne,  
Tracy Whelan & Josephine Hearty  
Flowers: Nuala Kendellan (Sept)

**Monday 24th Sept - Miraculous Medal Novena** after 10am Mass and Rosary.

**Tuesday 25th Sept - CCPC Intercessory Prayer** for Clondalkin Cluster of Parishes. This Tuesday Intercessory Group meeting in Parish Pastoral Centre **7.30pm-8.30pm**. All welcome.

**Wednesday 26th Sept - Charismatic Prayer Group** *Our Lady Queen of Peace*. This Wednesday in Parish Pastoral Centre. **7.30pm** Missionary Rosary. **8.00pm** Prayer Meeting. Visitors especially welcome.

**Thursday 27th Sept - Adoration.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**

*Morning:* In the Sisters' Oratory **10.45 to 11.45am**.

*Evening:* In the Church. **8.00 to 9.00pm**. All welcome.



*Lectio Divina*, a time to contemplate

Scripture led by Sr. Anne, takes places each Tuesday in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass and Rosary.



*Rest in Peace*

**Kathleen (Kay) Buckley, Castlepark**  
**Terence (Terry) McDermott, Riversdale**  
**Mayita Tinkler, St. Anthony's**  
*We remember their families at this time*



*"The Spirit of God dwells in our hearts in silence. And in humility and faith we must enter into that silent presence"* **John Main**  
Meditation Group meets in Srulleen Parish Church Monday 7:30 to 8:00 pm. All welcome.

Students from the following parish schools will attend 10am Mass in the Village Church to mark the start of the new school year :

**Tuesday 25th September - Scoil Mhuire**

**Wednesday 26th September - Coláiste Bríd (1st Year)**

**Thursday 27th September - Scoil Aine**

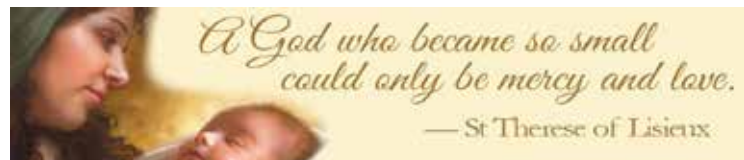


*"I will spend my Heaven doing GOOD on earth. After my death I will let fall a shower of roses".* (St. Therese). She died on September 30th 1897 aged 24 in Lisieux, France.

The story is told that during the horrors of World War I, the Lisieux Carmel distributed prayer cards to French soldiers, which asked for her intercession and protection. When the war ended, the convent was flooded with hundreds of letters, testifying to the spiritual power of Thérèse in the ravaging danger of war. Soldiers claimed that they saw her next to them in the trenches; one said she pushed him out of the way to avoid a mortar blast; another hid in a barn at Thérèse's direction and avoided capture. The testimonies were so astounding and similar that they fuelled her cause for sainthood and created a sensation around the world as these experiences became known. Her spiritual autobiography, "The Story of a Soul," became a best-seller.

On Monday 1st October, her Feast Day, we will have the blessing of Roses at 10am Mass and hopefully her relics will be available for veneration.

To ensure that we have enough roses to go round and to be brought to the sick and housebound we hope as many as possible will donate roses. And as her intercession was sought during the ravages of war we again ask for her intercession for our country, parish and homes as we face times of uncertainty.



*A God who became so small  
could only be mercy and love.*

— St Therese of Lisieux

## Village Church

**Sunday 23rd Sept**

**6.30pm Vigil**

Nano Linehan (MM)  
Paddy Looney (An)  
Dermot Cronin (30th An)  
Michael Fitzsimons (An)  
Niamh McDonnell (An)  
Patricia Gordon (17th An),  
Peg Dooley (20th An)  
Kathleen & Thomas O'Neill (An)  
Betsy Reddy (1st An)  
Patrick & Maryanne Daly (An)

**Tuesday 25th Sept**

**10.00am**

Rita O'Neill (4th An)

**Friday 28th Sept**

**10.00am**

Michael Lacey (B'day Rem)

**Sunday 30th Sept**

**6.30pm Vigil**

Brendan Sexton (An)  
Dan Sherry (MM),  
Maura Heffernan (7th An)  
Edward Norton (An),  
Margaret Reynolds (An),  
Gerard Doyle (An)

**10.30am**

*Clonburris*

**Saturday 22nd Sept**

**6.30pm**

Shane Bradshaw

**Sunday 23rd Sept**

**11am**

John McBride, Bridget McBride  
Rose McConalogue, Michael McConalogue

*Baptism*

Welcome to:

**Saoirse Elizabeth Delaney**  
Baptised last Sunday

## Monday Club

As part of our regular Monday Club had decamped to Donegal to enjoy a lovely few days being spoiled in that lovely part of Ireland we, the "remainders" had a fun quiz. This turned out to be both educational and very funny. We now know that the tiny humming bird eats half its own weight each day. Does Dr. Eva Orsmond Know??? How does the bird stay so tiny?

On a more serious note we will be hosting our annual "Coffee Morning" for the Hospice on next Monday 24th. We will have home made cakes and a raffle in aid of this wonderful service. So please support it. It will be held as usual after 10am Mass and Rosary in the Pastoral Centre.

Many thanks to Colette, Martin and Stephen for looking after us so well!

*Joan*

**If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one."**

**St. Mother Theresa**

*Good Friends  
Never Say Goodbye  
They Simply Say  
"See You Soon"*

Fr. Bala left us on Tuesday morning to return to his native India and back to minister to his parishioners again. Undoubtedly his family, parishioners and friends missed him as we are missing him now. "He fitted in so effortlessly in all parish activities while he was with us" was the general consensus. We thank him for his friendship, his caring and good humour and we look forward to his return next summer and to hear of his many activities with his parishioners in India and his adventures on his faithful scooter!

*Teresa*







Presentation photo to **Harry Reynolds** who has retired after 55 years from his grocery shop in St Brigid's Rd. Clondalkin. L/R Una (*his daughter*) Maureen (*his wife*), Harry Reynolds, Annette Browne & Greg Ryan (*Customers*). The presentation, (*a collage of photos of the shop*) was held in the packed Round Tower GAA club on Sat last when neighbours, friends and customers gathered to show their appreciation to Harry for his long service to Clondalkin and to wish him well in his retirement. Photo by Tommy Keogh



The poster opposite was sent in by Eddie Byrne and I was reminded of Pope Francis' visit to Br. Kevin's Centre in Church St where the people in need are helped without judgement.

Looking for a suitable quote or story appropriate to the poster I came across the story below but I don't know the author. Hopefully it will cause us to pause before we make a hasty judgement!

"Before you judge my life, my past or my character, walk in my shoes, walk the path I have travelled, live my sorrow, my doubts, my fear, my pain and my laughter!

Remember "Judge not lest you be judged".

Everyone has his/her own story! When you have lived my life then you can judge me" **Teresa**

'At times we see an obsession with denying any pre-eminence to the human person; more zeal is shown in protecting other species than in defending the dignity which all human beings share in equal measure ... Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.'

**Pope Francis, Laudato Si 90-91**



## Helping Children to Enjoy Mass

As we look at the big effort of a Sunday morning, what helps young parents be encouraged to bring children to mass? Going with kids can be daunting. To keep doing something uncomfortable, or embarrassing, seems counter-intuitive. Parishes can do huge things for families. Ours has 'Pew Packs': folders with crayons, kids' readings, even a book inside. My small children go in and grab them, and it provides something



for them in the environment. Not every parish can manage this kind of innovation – or the lollipop afterwards, which acts as the perennial carrot to the grumpy toddler. These simple gestures of welcome and hospitality are gratefully received. Children are usually welcome at our parishes

– more than that, there are usually really kind-hearted and gifted people who would love to 'do something' for kids. We should seek those people out – they are around, the ones who smile at kids and say nice things to parents like us – and see what ideas they might have.

Whether or not we have the blessings of a lollipop or resources for the little ones, our children are likely to inherit our attitude towards the mass. If we groan and sigh and 'put up with it', zombie like, trying to sneak out as soon as possible, then they will also. But, if we are loving and reverent, taking the time to talk about the gospel afterwards, or share with enthusiasm our love for the Lord in the Eucharist, then the kids will look forward to it as well.

Dominic Perrem writes in this week's Cornerstone, a new section in The Irish Catholic.

## Quote of the week

*"Each person's choices have repercussions on the life of everyone."*

– Pope Francis

## Challenge:

In what ways are you fully aware to the choices that you make, and how those choices affect others? Be aware of what you do each day, and mindful of how your choices impact those around you.

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